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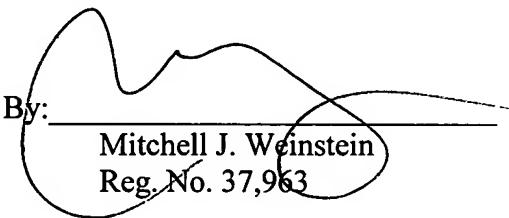
The Examiner has rejected claims 27-36 under the judicially created doctrine of nonstatutory double patenting over U.S. Patent No. 6,648,300, but has provided that a timely filed terminal disclaimer will overcome this rejection. Accordingly, filed concurrently herewith is a terminal disclaimer in which the terminal portion of any patent issuing from the present application has been disclaimed over the above noted U.S. Patent No. 6,648,300.

A check in the amount of \$65.00 is enclosed for the fee associated with the Terminal Disclaimer. Applicant believes no other fees are due, however, should any other fees be needed, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-0920. Should any petitions be necessary, Applicant requests that this paper constitute any such petition.

Applicant submits that the present application is now in condition for allowance and respectfully and earnestly solicits early indication of same.

Should the Examiner believe that any issues remain that could be addressed in a telephone interview, it is respectfully requested that the undersigned be contacted.

Respectfully submitted,

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